

Acts 17:30

Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent.

Have you ever heard of the NA gospel? Neither have I. But I came up (hopefully through the Holy Spirit) with an NA gospel, and it's based upon today's verse and the word "Repent".

So, what is the NA Gospel? Say you change the letter "N" in "Repent" to an "A", what would you have? "Repeat".

People go to church or say a prayer, and instead of "repenting" of their sins, they actually go out and "repeat" their sins. I think part of the fault could be that some Christians will tell someone to just say a prayer, confessing their sins and they will be saved. The problem is that it's only part of the truth, because we are told to confess our sins to the Lord, but Jesus started out preaching repentance, and not to just say a prayer.

† **Matthew 4:17** *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

Even John the Baptist preached the repentance gospel as well.

† **Acts 13:24 (NLT2)** *Before he came, John the Baptist preached that all the people of Israel needed to repent of their sins and turn to God and be baptized.*

One way to tell if you, or someone else is living the repent, verse the repeat gospel, is something else Jesus said.

† **Matthew 12:33** *Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.*

For a new Christian, it takes time to start seeing fruit, but there is always fruit. I know for me, one of the first things that the Lord did was to clean up my extremely bad mouth. It was literally a same day change in the way I talked, and the language that I used, and that change has stuck with me ever since (Over 40 years). Now it's not the same for everyone, but when you live under the repent gospel, there are things in your life that you used to do that you don't do anymore, because you don't want to.

But those living under the repeat gospel, there is no fruit, or should I say, the fruit they have been bearing all their life has not changed, because they have not changed, so they produce fruit repeated sins in their life, instead of fruit of repentance.

Also, if you have to make excuses, then you really need to examine your heart and ask if you have really chosen to repent, or are you still too comfortable in repeating your old lifestyle that you don't want to repent.

Maybe you did say a prayer at church or at a crusade, but your life has not changed, because you live the same way. Sure, there may have been a little change the first day or two and that's usually from the hype when you said the prayer initially, but after that, no change at all in your life. It doesn't mean it's too late for you, because if you are still breathing, then you still can change from the repeat gospel, to the repent gospel.

Maybe you are thinking that it's too hard to change, even though you want to. I would say that's a good thing, because the simple fact that you want to change is evident that you are in the repent gospel, but you struggle with some things. Sometimes we get so focused on what our struggles are, that we don't see the other changes that the Lord has done in our lives. For you, look back at what you used to be and ask yourself honestly if you have changed. I think for most, you will start to realize how you have changed over the years or months or even weeks.

Also know that we all have struggles that the Lord is dealing with in all of our lives. But don't let the fact that you struggle discourage you, but rather may it encourage you, because it means you have the mind of Christ, which is to change you more into His image and live the repent gospel.

✠ **2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (NLT2)** *But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.*